

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

1333 Main Street, Suite 200
Columbia, SC 29201

Minutes of the Meeting

May 1, 2003
10:30 a.m.

Commission Members Present

Mr. Dalton Floyd, Chairman
Ms. Rosemary Byerly
Ms. Dianne Chinnes
Ms. Sue Cole
Mr. Larry Durham
Dr. Vermelle Johnson
Mr. James Konduros
Mr. Miles Loadholt
Ms. DeLoris Oliver
Gen. Tom Olsen
Mr. Daniel Ravenel
Dr. Roger Stevenson

Commission Members Absent

Dr. John Griffith
Mr. Carl Solomon

Staff Present

Mr. Michael Brown
Ms. Camille Brown
Ms. Lorinda Copeland
Mr. Charlie FitzSimons
Ms. Colleen Freeman
Mr. Gary Glenn
Ms. Monica Goodwin
Ms. Betsy Gunter
Ms. Yolanda Hudson
Mr. Alan Krech
Dr. David Loope
Ms. Lynn Metcalf
Dr. Gail Morrison
Mr. Joe Pearman
Dr. Mike Raley
Mr. John Smalls
Ms. Jan Stewart

Guests

Mr. Sunand Bhaitacharva
Mr. Bill Bragdon
Mr. Jim Byrd
Dr. Les Carpenter
Ms. Julie Corner
Dr. Anthony Coyne
Mr. David Fleming
Dr. Barbara Gamble
Mr. Stan Godshall
Dr. Gary Hansen
Dr. Richard Hilderman
Dr. Tom Higerd
Dr. David Hunter
Ms. Star Kepner
Mr. Rod Kruse
Ms. Karen Jones
Ms. Dorcas Kitchings
Dr. Carol Lancaster
Mr. David Luce
Mr. John Malmrose
Dr. Harry Matthews
Mr. Gary McCombs
Dr. Louise Medford
Col. Spike Metts
Mr. Bob Mellon
Dr. Robert Miles
Ms. Kate Olin
Ms. Jackie Olsen
Ms. Susan Prior
Dr. John Reynolds
Dr. Danielle Ripich
Ms. Carol Routh
Dr. Don Seebude
Dr. Charles Shawver
Dr. Gordan Smith
Ms. Michelle Smith
Dr. Theresa Smith
Dr. Les Sternberg
Dr. Rita Teal
Dr. Aileen Trainer
Ms. Catherine Watt
Mr. Richard Williams

For the record, notification of the meeting was made to the public as required by the Freedom of Information Act.

The Commission on Higher Education met on May 1, 2003, at 10:30 a.m. in the conference room at Commission on Higher Education offices.

I. Introductions

Mr. Alan Krech introduced the guests attending the meeting.

2. Approval of Minutes

Chairman Floyd asked for a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. That **motion** was made by Ms. Byerly, **seconded** by Mr. Ravenel and, without discussion, unanimously **carried**.

Chairman's Report

Chairman Floyd asked that Charlie FitzSimons provide the legislative update.

Mr. FitzSimons reported that House Bill 3899 that we refer to as the "break away bill" has passed the House, moved over to the Senate and assigned to the Finance Committee. There were a few amendments, but basically remains the same as was discussed last month. The requests of the Technical College System and the four-year institutions were not addressed in the House version of the bill. As a related item, the Education and Public Works Committee will soon begin discussion of Representative Sheheen's bill to create a Board of Regents.

Now the discussion will occur in the Senate, where the approach leans toward a "three-council" umbrella entity with limited authority. As an alternative, several Senators appear willing to introduce an alternative bill that would allow the research institutions to move forward with their research and economic development activities, but remain within the Commission structure. The Senate Finance Committee will likely begin working on their plan next week. We will keep you informed as these discussions continue.

Next, Chairman Floyd asked Mr. Smalls to report on the status of the Request for Proposals discussed at the last meeting and that report follows: the Commission received proposals from two national firms to conduct a study on "*Determining the Public Agenda for Higher Education in South Carolina*" and a *Study on Governance*."

The two firms submitting proposals are: 1. The Center for Public Education Trusteeship and Governance of the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges (AGB), Washington, DC and 2. The National Center for Higher Education Management Systems (NCHEMS), Boulder, Colorado. The proposals are being reviewed and evaluated and the Commission will be kept informed of the progress of this project.

3. Committee Reports

3.01 Report of the Executive Committee

(No Report)

3.02 Report of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing

A. Consideration of New Program Proposals

1. B.S., Genetics, Clemson University
2. B.A., Early Childhood Education, USC-Columbia
3. B.A., Elementary Education, USC-Columbia
4. B.A./B.S., Middle Level Education, USC-Columbia
5. M.A.T., Middle Grades Education, Clemson University
6. M.S., Environmental Health Physics, Clemson University
7. Master of Retailing, USC-Columbia

Ms. Chinnes stated that seven proposals for new programs were to be considered today (four from USC and three from Clemson). They have been approved at the appropriate institutional level, by the Advisory Committee on Academic Affairs and by the Committee on Academic Affairs and now come before the Commission for final approval. The details are covered in **Attachment I**, which was mailed prior to this meeting.

Ms. Chinnes requested Item 3.02.A.1 be discussed by itself and the remaining six items as a group. First presented was the B.S. in genetics at Clemson University to be implemented by August, 2003 and this would be the only bachelor's degree in genetics in South Carolina. In this program, Clemson, Lander and the Greenwood Genetic Center will be working together. On behalf of the Committee on Academic Affairs, Ms. Chinnes made a **motion** to approve this program provided no unique cost or other special state funding be required or requested and further provided that Clemson complete and file with the Commission by August, 2003, a memorandum of their understanding with Lander for coordinating curricula, transfer process and procedures, and undergraduate research opportunities at Greenwood Genetic Center.

For the remaining six program proposals, the Master of Retailing at USC-Columbia is to be instituted in January 2004 and the remaining ones in the fall of 2003. Full explanations and outlines of these programs are a part of **Attachment I**. On behalf of the Committee on Academic Affairs, Ms. Chinnes made a **motion** to approve these programs provided no unique cost or other special state funding be required or requested and further provided that on the M.S. in Environmental Health Physics that Clemson discontinue the existing Nuclear Environmental focus currently offered.

Both motions were seconded by Mr. Ravenel and unanimously carried without further discussion.

B. Consideration of Requests for Amendment of License:

1. Miller-Motte Technical College, Charleston, SC: Add A.A.S. in Surgical Technology

2. ITT Technical Institute, at Greenville, SC: Add B.S. in Information Systems Security; Data Communication Systems Technology; and Electronics and Computer Engineering Technology
3. Troy State University, Sumter, SC: Add B.S. in Management
4. Nova Southeastern University, Charleston, SC: Add a location at Charleston to offer the Ed.D. Program for Education Leaders

These four institutions already have a South Carolina license and today amendments to those licenses are being considered. Based on extended discussion in the meeting of the Committee, two motions are made on this agenda item. The first motion concerns Miller-Motte, ITT Technical and Nova Southeastern University. The details on their requested amendments are in **Attachment II**. On behalf of the Committee on Academic Affairs, Ms. Chinnes made a **motion** that these three be approved. The motion was **seconded** by General Olsen and carried unanimously without further discussion.

The next motion for Troy State: Ms. Chinnes made a **motion** that the Commission approve the amendment to the license of Troy State University to allow it to offer the program leading to a B.S. degree in management at Bosch in Sumter, provided that the only students other than Bosch employees permitted to enroll are employees of companies Bosch has specifically invited to participate in the degree program, including Caterpillar. This motion was **seconded** by Ms. Byerly and **carried**. During the discussion period which followed, Dr. Morrison was asked to clarify the licensing statute in view of a past discussion regarding licensing criteria. She explained that licensing is designed not to look at issues of duplication or need, but to protect the consumer with a set of minimum academic standards. The academic standards have recently been upgraded, but do not address duplication.

Dr. Carpenter of USC-Sumter was recognized by Chairman Floyd and briefly addressed what he considers an uneven playing field in this state in that the public institutions in this state are held to very high standards for programmatic applications and approvals as well as all aspects of Act 359 and performance funding, which is as it should be. However, licensure requirements for out-of-state institutions coming into this state, as they are currently written and we are obligated to apply them, really represent a lowest common denominator set of standards. They are very different. His suggestion was for the Commission, the advisory body, the presidents' body, and the chief academic officers' body to work with the General Assembly to change the standards for licensing out-of-state institutions in this state to correspond with the standards to which in-state institutions are held. That would be a much fairer test as to who should be practicing in this state and who should not. This was offered as a suggestion for future reference.

Mr. Floyd recognized Dr. Seebode from Troy State University, who explained that their application was for approval to offer a Bachelor of Science in Management program at the Sumter Main Street campus and also at the Bosch Corporation in the Industrial Park and for interested employees of other plants in that area. He furnished further information on Troy State as to their strong qualifications, including SACS accreditation. He has agreed to furnish further information requested by the Committee prior to approval for the Sumter Main Street campus.

In answer to a question raised by Mr. Ravenel, Ms. Chinnes restated that there is not, at this time, a motion on the floor for the Sumter Main Street campus, but that request will be reconsidered upon review of information to be submitted by Troy State at the request of the Committee on Academic Affairs, particularly with respect to library and Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACBS) accreditation issues.

C. Consideration of Admission Standards Report for First-Time Entering Freshmen, FY 2001-02

On behalf of the Committee on Academic Affairs, Ms. Chinnes made a **motion** that this report be approved as meeting the stipulations of Act 629 of 1988 and Act 359 of 1996 with respect to reviewing admissions standards and that it be transmitted to the appropriate legislative bodies, the State Board of Education and the State Department of Education. The Committee recommends to USC-Columbia and Francis Marion University that they reduce the number of provisionally accepted students so that they will be in compliance with the policy on provisional students (10% at research universities and 15% the teaching sectors). The motion was **seconded** by Ms. Byerly and unanimously **carried**.

Dr. Morrison explained that this report is based on 2001 data and that USC-Columbia will in all likelihood and Francis Marion may come into compliance in the 2002 data.

D. Consideration of Centers of Excellence Grants, FY 2002-2003

The three proposals submitted are **Attachment III**. Based on recommendations made by the Advisory Panel and the Committee on Academic Affairs, a **motion** (Chinnes) was made, **seconded** (Ravenel) and **carried** to approve the two proposals for USC and USC-Aiken and to approve Coastal Carolina's proposal pending availability of sufficient funding and contingent upon the project director's providing the additional information requested in the consultants' report (**Attachment III**).

E. Informational Report on South Carolina Research Initiative Grants Program (SCRIG)

1. FY 1996-2000
2. FY 2001-2002

This is an informational report on the South Carolina Research Initiative grants. The summary is **Attachment IV**. This fulfills the recommendation by the Committee that a copy of this full report be filed with the minutes of this meeting and sent to the General Assembly.

3.03 Report of the Committee on Student Services (No Report)

- Ms. Sue Cole

3.04 Report of Committee on Finance and Facilities**- Ms. Rosemary Byerly****A. Approval of Interim Facility Projects****1. Medical University of South Carolina**

- a. Thurmond Water Damage Recovery**
- b. Refinancing Harborview Lease**
- c. Redevelopment of Old Charleston High School & Lease**

All the projects listed (including the additional one) were approved at the Committee meeting this morning. The first project is requested as a result of flooding and is to be paid from insurance reserves. The refinancing of the Harborview Lease (1.b) will result in a cash flow savings of approximately \$2.5 million over ten years, or approximately \$250,000 per year. The redevelopment of Old Charleston High School is to house the College of Health Professions by renovating the present building and adding approximately 40,000 square feet.

Added Agenda Item**USC-Columbia: Coker Life Sciences Building – HVAC Replacement**

An additional project was added this morning and was approved at the Committee meeting. The project is for a heating and air conditioning replacement to the Coker Life Sciences Building with a projected cost of \$950,000. A funding source was not identified until last week and that's why it has come before the Commission today. Needless to say, because it is heating and air conditioning they want to get it done before the summer months and before the system fails completely.

All project proposals are presented in **Attachment V**.

On behalf of the Committee on Finance and Facilities, a **motion** (Byerly) was made, **seconded** (Ravenel) and **carried** to approve all four projects.

B. Approval of Comprehensive Permanent Improvement Plans

- 1. Year 1 Projects (for approval)**
- 2. Years 2-5 for information only**

Ms. Byerly asked Mr. Charlie FitzSimons to explain the Permanent Improvement Plans process.

Some years ago, a two-step process involving an annual permanent improvement plan and then an overall permanent improvement plan was instituted by the Budget and Control Board. The idea was the annual plan dealt with what you were going to do in the next year and the overall plan dealt with what you were going to do long term. About two years ago, this plan was examined and it was decided that it needed to be streamlined. They modified the two into a single process called the Comprehensive

Permanent Improvement Plan (CPIP). A summary of these projects and detailed descriptions are **Attachment VI**.

Year one of the plan includes those projects to be completed within the next fiscal year. When the institution has committed or identified an appropriate source of funds.

Year two of the plan consists of those projects the institutions are pursuing capital funding from the state for, perhaps in the form of a bond bill. Those projects will be rated by CHE staff and will be brought back to the Commission in the fall and then forwarded to the General Assembly for their consideration in putting together a bond bill.

Years two through five are for informational purposes and reflect long-range plans of the institution. Presented to you today for approval are the Year One projects as submitted by the institutions.

Ms. Byerly reiterated that Year One projects are the ones to be acted on today, and each project was reviewed and considered individually during the Committee meeting this morning. Should there be any question about a particular project, either staff or institutional representative will answer specific questions. All projects were approved in the Committee meeting with no changes.

On behalf of the Committee on Finance and Facilities, a **motion** (Byerly) was made, **seconded** (Cole), and **carried** to approve these projects as proposed. Full descriptions of all projects are in **Attachment VI**.

3.05 Report of Committee on Planning, Assessment and Performance Funding (No Report)

5. Report of the Interim Executive Director

Mr. Smalls gave a brief history of the establishment of CHEMIS – the Commission on Higher Education Management Information System – the Commission’s in-house data system. He introduced Ms. Camille Brown, Program Manager, who gave a presentation on the system, what it is and how it is used. The handouts from that presentation are **Attachment VII**.

5. Other Business

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy Gunter

Recording Secretary

Attachments I-VII

*Attachments are not included in this mailing, but will be filed with the permanent record of these minutes and are available for review upon request.